HILL PADDY CULTIVATION—LEASES UNDER

271. Dr. S. S. Rao *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
what is the present state of the hill paddy cultivation leased out to private agriculturists?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):*
A large number of the lessees have surrendered the areas and the department is restoring these abandoned areas with forest crops. Some of the lessees are still carrying on cultivation of food crops.

The total extent of land leased out under Food Production Scheme including Hill Paddy area taken back is 4,914·0 acres as it stood at the end of 1120 against (7,701·0) acres at the beginning of 1120.

ADVANCES TO SMALL SCALE FARMERS

272. Dr. S. S. Rao *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) whether any advances have been made this year to help small scale farmers and towards the progress of the "Grow More Food Campaign".
(*b*) if so, the number of works and the total advances made in the respective Panchayats.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*
(*a*) No advances either in money or kind have been given to small scale farmers this year.
(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (*a*).

LAND MORTGAGE BANK

273. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കൊച്ചുകുട്ടൻ : താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ഭൂപണയബാങ്കിൽനിന്നും ഇപ്പോൾ വസൂൽചെയ്യുന്ന പലിശയുടെ നിരക്കെന്താണ്;

(ബി) മറ്റുബാങ്കുകളിലെ പലിശനിരക്കെന്ത്;

(സി) ഭൂപണയബാങ്കിലെ ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ പലിശനിരക്ക് താരതമ്യേന കൂടുതലെങ്കിൽ അതു കുറവുചെയ്യേണ്ടതാണെന്നു ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ :

(എ) ൪ ശതമാനം.

(ബി) ൩ ശതമാനം മുതൽ ൧൨ ശതമാനംവരെ ഉണ്ടെന്നാണ് അറിയുന്നത്.

(സി) ബാങ്കിലെ പലിശനിരക്ക് താരതമ്യേന കൂടുതലാണെന്നതോന്നുന്നില്ല.

INCOME-TAX COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

274. Mr. S. P. Luiz *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state:—
(*a*) approximately the average number of daily visitors in the Office of the Commissioner of Income-tax;
(*b*) is there any special arrangement for accommodating such visitors;
(*c*) whether they are aware that the countless assessees who are obliged to go to the Office of the Commisioner of Income-tax are at present undergoing great hardships for want of even rudimentary accommodation;
(*d*) have there been any suggestion from the Income-tax Department to shift the office of the Commissioner of Income-tax to a more suitable and dignified place with a view to satisfy the requirements of the establishment and the assessees alike?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):*
(*a*) 10 to 15.
(*b*) A few seats are arranged in the verandhah for visitors.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) The question of constructing a suitable building was raised and put off on account of war conditions. The question is being considered again.

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